

Clark has also served as a mentor to so many women in public service, both in New Hampshire politics and across the nation through her involvement with the Democratic National Committee.

Throughout her career, Senator Fuller Clark has been a champion for women's rights and equality, always standing up to advocate for reproductive rights and to make all workplaces, including New Hampshire's State House, more accommodating and welcoming. In addition, Senator Fuller Clark has been a leader on energy and environmental issues, putting forth ambitious and durable approaches to put our state on a pathway to a low-carbon future. She has been a stalwart supporter of the arts and historic preservation, and I know her commitment to these issues will continue through her involvement with Strawberry Banke and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

While Senator Fuller Clark may be stepping away from elected office, I know she will continue to serve our community in many ways. On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I thank Senator Fuller Clark and her family for their decades of dedication to our state. The Granite State is a better place because of the public service of Senator Martha Fuller Clark.

**HONORING VALERIE EMICK FOR
HER LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO
CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES**

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Valerie Emick, a lifelong conservative advocate and outgoing president of the Hi-Desert Republican Women Federated.

Valerie has served the Hi-Desert Republican Women Federated in various capacities for over two decades. Her tenure with the chapter has been marked by an expansion in the club's membership, a commitment to serving the community, and a strong focus on conservative values. More recently, she has been responsible for securing outstanding speakers for Hi-Desert Republican Women Federated events, including conservative commentator Dinesh D'Souza and Benghazi survivor Kris "Tanto" Paranto. She has also led the community in supporting our first responders, which included purchasing billboard space thanking law enforcement for their hard work protecting our community. In addition to her work with the Hi-Desert Republican Women Federated, Valerie is also an elected member of the San Bernardino County Republican Party Central Committee, a position she was resoundingly re-elected to earlier this year.

Valerie is the epitome of a grassroots, conservative champion. Her hard work has advanced our principles and beliefs in the High Desert for decades, and as I depart Congress, I am happy to take this chance to honor her work and achievements.

**RECOGNIZING MISS EMMA VANA
OF PUNTA GORDA**

HON. W. GREGORY STEUBE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. STEUBE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Miss Emma Vana for her outstanding efforts to show appreciation to our law enforcement officers.

Emma is a 9-year-old resident of Punta Gorda, Florida. Since July, Emma has handed out over 250 homemade blue line flags to law enforcement officers across Florida to thank them for their service to our community. She has passed out flags in Alachua, Charlotte, Collier, Columbia, DeSoto, Hamilton, Hendry, Lee, Levy, Madison, Manatee, Polk, Sarasota, and Suwanee Counties so far. However, this is only the start for her efforts to give our members of law enforcement the appreciation and support they deserve.

When asked why she appreciates law enforcement officers, Emma explains that they "put bad people in jail and protect our communities." As Emma understands, Florida is home to some of our nation's finest law enforcement officers who risk their lives every day to ensure our communities and families are safe.

Emma's effort to show appreciation comes during a time when law enforcement officers across the country face threats and physical attacks from those calling to defund the police. Emma should be a role model for all Floridians and Americans in standing up to defend the police, not defund them.

I am honored to have the privilege to represent outstanding constituents such as Emma. Her selfless acts of kindness inspire all of us as she continues to go above and beyond for Floridians. It is individuals like her who make Florida and America great.

HONORING SARA WYFFELS AS ARIZONA'S 2021 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Sara Wyffels for being named the 2021 Arizona Teacher of the Year by the Arizona Educational Foundation. Mrs. Wyffels has dedicated her 14-year career to serving her students and community as a Spanish teacher at Chandler High School.

Her selection for Teacher of the Year comes at a time when Arizona's educators face unprecedented challenges, yet Mrs. Wyffels has risen to the occasion each step of the way. Every day, Mrs. Wyffels puts her students first and strives to motivate and inspire through boundless enthusiasm, kindness, and compassion. Although this past school year was unlike any other for teachers throughout our country, she continued to bring new ideas and life to her classroom, both in-person and virtually. Her lessons immerse students in a new culture and emphasize the power of language in forming human connections. Mrs. Wyffels pulls from her own experiences as she teach-

es her students to listen and connect with one another and broadens their worldview, helping them reach their full potential.

In her work, Mrs. Wyffels has created more equitable conditions for teachers and students in the Chandler Unified School District, in our community, and throughout Arizona. Since she began teaching, her tireless devotion to students has served as an example of what can be accomplished when young adults are empowered with the tools to explore, discover, and achieve their highest aspirations. Mrs. Wyffels' students leave her classroom and enter the world with a greater appreciation for the differences that make us all unique, a deep respect for others, and a passion for creating positive change as global citizens.

I am proud to recognize Mrs. Wyffels for her extraordinary service and the difference she has made both inside and outside the classroom. She is a National Board-Certified Teacher and a member of the Chandler Education Association. Mrs. Wyffels chose to become a teacher to inspire and help change the lives of her students, and we are all grateful for her work as a teacher, role model, and mentor. I wish her the best as she continues to inspire her students to create a better and brighter future for Arizona.

**HONORING THE CAREER OF
MONICA RUSSO**

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the remarkable career of Monica Russo.

After decades of service, Ms. Russo is retiring as Executive Vice President of 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East—the largest local union in the nation representing more than 400,000 healthcare workers in five states and more than 25,000 healthcare workers in Florida.

Ms. Russo is recognized for having led the most successful private sector healthcare union organizing campaign in the southeastern United States, now known as 1199SEIU Florida. Under her leadership, 1199SEIU Florida has grown to represent more than 35,000 healthcare workers and retirees in more than 100 hospitals and nursing homes across the state—becoming the largest union of healthcare workers in Florida and the southern United States.

She also serves as International Vice President of the Service Employees International Union and as President of the SEIU Florida State Council, where she politically unites more than 55,000 active and retired SEIU members from bus drivers and janitors to healthcare workers.

Through Monica Russo's leadership, 1199SEIU Florida members are the go-to base to "make things happen." Her emphasis on multi-cultural leadership development and grassroots, member-driven organization building has given a voice and power to healthcare workers, women, immigrants, working-class, professionals and low-wage workers.

From raising quality standards for 80,000 elderly residents in Florida's nursing homes to